

artistic foreign films for the future festivals?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Filmotsav '88 at Trivandrum was organised and funded by the Directorate of Film Festivals under the National Film Development Corporation. The Government did not give any financial assistance.

(b) and (c). There were some comments to that effect in a section of Press. However, the films screened at Filmotsav '88 were films critically acclaimed and shown in other International Film Festivals. Explicit scenes in some of these films were integral to the thematic content of the concerned films. It is always the endeavour of the Festival authorities to get the best artistic films for participation in our International Film Festivals.

Report on Fact Finding Committee on Newspaper Economics

923. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Report of the Fact Finding Committee on Newspaper Economics (January, 1975) mentioned 'If Newspapers are accepted as public services, it is essential that profits earned from newspapers should be ploughed back into the newspaper enterprise itself'; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to implement this recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Notwithstanding the recommendations of the Second Press Commission in this regard, the problem has continued to evade solution so far due to legal, constitutional and other complexities involved.

Demand for Increase in Price of Agricultural Produce

924. SHRI S. G. GHOLAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and other States are agitating for an increase in the prices of their agricultural produce; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) There were agitations by farmers in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat for remunerative prices of agricultural produce.

(b) Procurement/support prices of major items of agricultural produce are fixed on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices and these are remunerative. The prices are also being enhanced from year to year.

Dryland Farming

925. SHRI SAMBHAJIRAO KAKADE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the acreage under dryland farming during the year 1987;

(b) whether any cooperation and assistance was made available in this process from International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics, Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps taken to increase the land under dryland farming 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE